

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A stamp dispenser comprising:
2 a hub member having a longitudinal axis;
3 a roll of liner-less adhesive-backed stamps, the roll rotatably mounted about the hub
4 member and including a leading portion comprised of one or more of the stamps; and
5 a separation member rigidly coupled to the hub member and spaced apart from the
6 hub member to define an access area adapted to permit a user to grasp one or more stamps,
7 the separation member having a separation surface operable to facilitate separating one or
8 more of the stamps from the roll of stamps when the leading portion is tensioned across the
9 separation surface.
- 1 2. The stamp dispenser of claim 1, wherein each of the stamps is separated by a perforation.
- 1 3. The stamp dispenser of claim 1, wherein each of the stamps is separated by a score.
- 1 4. The stamp dispenser of claim 1, further comprising a substantially cylindrical core,
2 wherein the roll of stamps is wound around the core.
- 1 5. The stamp dispenser of claim 1, further comprising a sleeve disposed between the roll of
2 stamps and the hub member.
- 1 6. The stamp dispenser of claim 1, further comprising a wall having a hub section and a
2 forward extending section, the hub member coupled to the hub section with the
3 longitudinal axis substantially perpendicular to the wall, and the separation member
4 coupled to the forward extending section.
- 1 7. The stamp dispenser of claim 6, further comprising one or more flanges coupled to the
2 wall for retaining the roll of stamps between the one or more flanges and the wall.
- 1 8. The stamp dispenser of claim 7, wherein each of the one or more flanges comprises a
2 flexible member and a lip configured to retain the roll between the lip and the wall.

- 1 9. The stamp dispenser of claim 8, wherein each of the one or more flanges further
2 comprises an extension member extending from the lip and configured to allow a user to
3 flex the flexible member.
- 1 10. The stamp dispenser of claim 1, wherein the separation surface is configured to
2 releasably retain at least a portion of the leading portion of the roll.
- 1 11. The stamp dispenser of claim 1, wherein the separation surface is substantially free of
2 sharp corners and sharp edges.
- 1 12. The stamp dispenser of claim 1, further comprising an interference means for preventing
2 unraveling of the roll of stamps.
- 1 13. The stamp dispenser of claim 12, wherein the interference means comprises a brake.
- 1 14. The stamp dispenser of claim 13, wherein the brake is reversibly moveable between an
2 engaged position wherein the brake engages the roll of stamps and an unengaged position
3 wherein the brake does not engage the roll of stamps.
- 1 15. The stamp dispenser of claim 14, wherein the brake is biased in the unengaged position.
- 1 16. A method of dispensing one or more stamps from a substantially cylindrical roll of liner-
2 less adhesive-backed stamps, the roll including a leading portion, the method comprising:
3 rotatably mounting the roll of stamps about a hub member;
4 pulling the leading portion across a separation member rigidly coupled to the hub
5 member having a longitudinal axis;
6 separating the one or more stamps from the roll by tensioning the leading portion of
7 the roll across a separation surface on the separating member.
- 1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the separating step further comprises tearing the one or
2 more stamps along a perforation in the roll.

- 1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein the separating step further comprises tearing the one or
2 more stamps along a score in the roll.
- 1 19. The method of claim 16, wherein the mounting step further comprises inserting a sleeve
2 between the hub member and the roll.
- 1 20. The method of claim 16, further comprising providing a wall having a hub section and a
2 forward extending section, the hub member coupled to the hub section with the
3 longitudinal axis substantially perpendicular to the wall, and the separation member
4 coupled to the forward extending section.
- 1 21. The method of claim 20, wherein the mounting step further comprises flexing one or
2 more flanges coupled to the wall, inserting the roll over the hub member, and releasing
3 the one or more flanges to retain the roll between the flanges and the wall.
- 1 22. The method of claim 21, wherein each of the one or more flanges comprises a flexible
2 member and a lip configured to retain the roll between the lip and the wall.
- 1 23. The method of claim 22, wherein each of the one or more flanges further comprises an
2 extension member extending from the lip to facilitate the flexing step.
- 1 24. The method of claim 16, further comprising releasably retaining a portion of the leading
2 portion on the separation surface.
- 1 25. The method of claim 16, wherein the separation surface is substantially free of sharp
2 corners and sharp edges.
- 1 26. The method of claim 16, further comprising preventing the roll from unraveling by
2 actuating a brake.

1 27. The method of claim 26, wherein the brake is reversibly moveable between an engaged
2 position wherein the brake engages the roll of stamps and an unengaged position wherein
3 the brake does not engage the roll of stamps.

1 28. The method of claim 16, wherein the brake is biased in the unengaged position.